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	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Ricardo Pizarro	2661	

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 January 2002.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) 1-12 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____. | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____. |

Election/Restrictions

1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:
 - I. Claims 1-7, 8 and 12, drawn to a Method for encoding data for transmission in a communication system by partitioning a set of orthogonal codes, classified in class 370, subclass 208
 - II. Claims 9 and 10, drawn to a Method for increasing the terminal capacity of a CDMA system comprising decreasing power associated with the transmission, classified in class 370, subclass 332.
 - III. Claim 11, drawn to a Method for decreasing the errors in a CDMA communication system comprising lengthening an error code associated with the transmission , classified in class 370, subclass 333.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

Inventions I, II and III are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct from each other if they are shown to be separately usable.

In the instant case, invention in Group I has separate utility such as for encoding data for transmission in a communication system by partitioning a set of orthogonal codes, thet does not necessitate" the decreasing power associated with transmission to increase the number of transmission capable of utilizing a CDMA communication system at any time"

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Invention in Group II has separate utility such as increasing the terminal capacity of a CDMA system comprising decreasing power associated with the transmission, that does not necessitate "the partitioning a first plurality of data bits associated with a first transmission into first packets"

Invention in Group III has separate utility such as for decreasing the errors in a CDMA communication system comprising lengthening an error code associated with the transmission , that does not necessitate "the decreasing power associated with transmission thereby increasing the number of transmission capable of utilizing a CDMA communication system at any time" . . .

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

A telephone call was made to Mr. John Whelan on 12/9/05 to request an oral election to the above restriction requirement, but did not result in an election being made.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

Conclusion

2. Any response to this action should be mailed to:

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the
examiner should be directed to **Ricardo Pizarro** whose telephone number is (571) 272-
3077. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 9:00 AM to 5:30
PM..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's
supervisor, **Hassan Kizou** can be reached on (571) 272-3088

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December 9, 2005
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